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PHOTOS**

**Safflowers
(Benibana) at
Ohga Guushi
(Lotus String)
Museum**



The safflower
Festival will be
held on June 18th!

The Dahlia Season Starts on June 20th



The Machida Dahlia Garden will open again on June 20th. The garden is a popular tourist spot, usually visited along with the famous *Yakushi-ike* park. There are 500 species of dahlia at the garden.

Last year was a tough year for the growth of the dahlia due to the unusual heat during the summer time. It especially affected the larger dahlia flowers. The little ones on the other hand, bloomed beautifully around autumn.

Nobody can tell if the circumstances of this year will be better, but it is certain that many people are excited to visit the garden.

Wedding at Japanese Garden: "Kagoyama-en"

Produced by Machida City Tourism and
Convention Bureau: "Only One Wedding"



The Kagoyama-en Garden Museum is known for its beautiful Japanese garden. The husband and wife had an unforgettable wedding there.

A wedding at the Kagoyama-en Garden Museum at the town of Nogaya in Machida City took place on June 5th for two couples.

The promoter of the event was the Machida City Tourism & Convention Bureau (MTCB). It was the first attempt to collaborate with a garden museum, known by the name of "kagoyama-en".

The museum is a growing tourist spot due to its appearance in a popular TV program called "Chi-I Sampo". Thanks to the show, the museum gained wide recognition and popularity.

The wedding ceremony was very majestic and in traditional Japanese style. The ritual made the bond between the couples stronger.

The close of the wedding was a toast at the beautiful Japanese garden. Everyone celebrated for the couples, and the ceremony ended with great joy.

Since the wedding took place in the middle of the rainy season, people were concerned about the condition of the weather.

Fortunately, the couples had a nice wedding under the sun.

The producer of the wedding, Shuji Miyazaki (The MTCB's tour producer) explained the intention of the event passionately.

"I was desperate to make citizens feel much closer to the cultural facilities in Machida City," said Mr. Miyazaki. He intends to hold weddings for the inhabitants of Machida every year if possible. "If a wedding at one of the facilities in the city makes big news, I believe that it will lead people to that institution. This way, we can expect tourism promotion and financial furtherance in the city."

In October 2011, the MTCB will move the setting of weddings and will hold one at the Machida City Graphic Art Museum at the *Serigaya* Park, like last year.

If this wedding plan is made a regular event as Mr. Miyazaki wishes, then it seems that the cultural facilities in Machida City will become something that people feel more attachment to.

Hydrangeas Bloom at Ebine Garden

The Machida *Ebine* Garden will open again this time for hydrangea bloom season. The period of the opening is limited only for 10 days from June 10th to 19th. The garden is open from 9:30am to 4pm (you can enter the garden by 3:30pm) Admission is free.

The flowers can be observed also at the *Yakushi-ike* park.



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